



MEMORANDUM

September 30, 2004

File No. 04-093001

TO: All interested parties

FROM: Jenifer Gitchell, SEPA Center

SUBJECT: **SEPA LEAD AGENCY & DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE (DS)
AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON SCOPE OF EIS**

This is to advise you that pursuant to WAC 197-11-900 (922 through 948), the Department of Natural Resources has determined that it is Lead Agency for the following:

Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) intends to revise Chapter 332-52 WAC regarding recreation and public access on DNR-managed lands.

The lead agency has identified the following areas for discussion in the EIS:

1. General rules: apply to the use of fire, firearms and alcohol on public lands.
2. Road Use: describes general rules governing vehicle use on DNR-managed roads; included in this category, the use of recreation vehicles on roads is described.
3. Developed Recreation Facilities: will address any DNR-built site, trail or structure on public land for recreational purposes. Specific rules for campgrounds and water recreation sites are outlined in this category.
4. Organized Events: general rules for organized events are included within this category.
5. Dispersed Recreation: includes recreation that occurs on DNR-managed lands but that is outside the boundaries of developed recreation facilities and trails. Specific examples in this category are: hunting, fishing, recreational target shooting and recreational harvest of forest products for personal use.
6. Directing Access: includes such topics as road closures, lease land closures and/or temporary closures on leased land, compliance with signage and self-registration.
7. Volunteer Contributions: means gift or donations given to DNR.
8. Four categories with the existing rules which will remain, but may be updated, include: 1) Milwaukee Road Corridor, 2) Enforcement, 3) Penalties, and 4) Effective Dates.

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Notice of Public Meetings:

The Department of Natural Resources encourages your active participation in the rule-making process. The schedule for the public meetings is as follows:

Lacey: October 19, 2004

TIME: 6:00-8:00 pm

Lacey Community Center at Woodland Creek
Community Park

6729 Pacific Avenue SE

Lacey, WA 98509-3400

Spokane: October 27, 2004

TIME: 6:00-8:00 pm

Hilton Garden Inn, Spokane Airport – Granite
Room

9015 West Highway 2

Spokane, WA 99224

Mount Vernon: October 20, 2004

TIME: 6:00-8:00 pm

Best Western Cotton Tree Inn & Convention
Center, Orcas Room

2401 Riverside Drive

Mount Vernon, WA 98362

Seattle: October 28, 2004

TIME: 6:00-8:00 pm

The Mountaineers, Tahoma 2 Room

300 Third Avenue West

Seattle, WA 98119

Port Angeles: October 21, 2004

TIME: 6:00-8:00 pm

Peninsula College, A-12

1502 E Lauridsen Blvd

Port Angeles, WA 98362

Okanogan: November 3, 2004

TIME: 6:00-8:00 pm

Okanogan Inn

1 Apple Way

Okanogan, WA 98840

Vancouver: October 26, 2004

TIME: 6:00-8:00 pm

Red Lion, Quayside/Portside Room

100 Columbia Street

Vancouver, WA 98660

Ellensburg: November 4, 2004

TIME: 6:00-8:00 pm

Central Washington University, Black Hall 150

400 E. 8th Avenue

Ellensburg, WA 98926

Please notify us immediately if you do not concur with this Lead Agency determination.

Attached is the Determination of Significance pertaining to these proposals. Pursuant to WAC 332-41-504, these proposals were filed in the department's SEPA Center at the Natural Resources Building, 1111 Washington Street SE, P.O. Box 47015, Olympia, Washington, on September 30, 2004. **We will consider comments on this proposed DS received by 4:30 p.m. on November 15, 2004.** Comments should be submitted to the SEPA Center, at P.O. Box 47015, Olympia, Washington 98504-7015 for distribution to the responsible official. You may also email your comments to: sepacenter@wadnr.gov. Please include the file number listed above on all comments.